

August 10, 1977

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Memo to File:

Re: Chinook Construction, Ltd.
Emery County, Utah

This operation was inspected on the 29th of July 1977, by Brian Buck and myself.

This surface uranium mine lies approximately 10 miles west of Green River, Utah. No previous filing has been received from Chinook Construction or Colt Mesa Mining Company for this project. The inspection was made following the observation of activity in the area.

Site foreman, Odell Anderson, accompanied the Division's representatives on an inspection of the site which consisted of at least two (2) open pits of approximately one (1) ^{acre} each in size, a contour type stripping of overburden and construction access roads. Approximately 40' of overburden is being removed to gain surface access to the ore zones.

A copy of the reclamation law and several forms, to be submitted by Chinook Construction, were left with Mr. Anderson. He committed to passing these to the projects manager, Mr. Ed Gauthier, Chinook Construction Company.

Upon returning to the office, Mr. Gauthier had called relative to the filing procedure and claimed no knowledge that the mine was purview of the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

It was Mr. Gauthier's opinion that the operation was within the exemption category, however, the site inspection proved this not to be the case. Mr. Gauthier was invited to present his opinion to the Board or commit by letter to filing a Mining and Reclamation Plan by the 15th of August 1977.

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LAND RECLAMATION